Setting up a control room to monitor the atrocities committed on SC|ST

157. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a control room to monitor the atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have also decided to set up special forces in sensitive districts to deal with the cases of such atrocities; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A Control Room to receive information on atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is being set up in the Ministry of Welfare.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of tea

158. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import tea into the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for taking such a decision, when India is the world's largest producer of tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no proposal to import tea for domestic consumption.

(b) Does not arise.

Role of mutual funds in money market

159. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether mutual funds are having a field day in the money market due to tight financial conditions of the commercial banks; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to ensure that the mutual funds do not violate the norms set by the Reserve Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Operations of Mutual Funds in the money market are governed by the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India and the Government.

(b) No instance of any Mutual Fund violating the norms prescribed by RBI has come to notice.

Posting of staff in Kendriya Vidyalayas abroad

160. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of qualifications and experience of India based non-teaching and teaching staff selected for posting in Kendriya Vidyalayas located outside India;

(b) what are the details of selection procedure and constitution of selection Committees for different posts;

(c) whether these norms and the procedures had been adhered to in the past and would be followed in the ensuring selection of staff for Kendriya Vidyalayas at Kathmandu and Moscow; and

(d) what are the details of posts to be filled in during the current or next month?